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Claim 1. (Currently Amended): A terminal control apparatus for controlling a terminal device that performs a specific process, said apparatus comprising:
communication means for performing communication between the terminal device and the terminal control apparatus; and
control means for controlling the terminal device, by using a terminal control function that accords with the terminal device and personal user data peculiar to a separate user terminal, the control means ~~which is~~ communicating with the apparatus through the communication means.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended): The terminal control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the control means selects an optimal one of plural available terminal control functions[[,]] ~~which is optimal~~ for the terminal device, and performs the optimal terminal control function selected, thereby to control the terminal device.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended): The terminal control apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the control means comprises selection means for selecting the

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optimal terminal control function ~~optimal for the terminal device~~[[,]] in accordance with terminal information that represents ~~the~~ terminal device type and terminal device capabilities ~~capacity of the terminal device~~, and function-performing means for performing the optimal terminal control function selected by the selection means.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended): The terminal control apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the function-performing means comprises function control means for controlling various function units of the terminal device, and the function control means controls the functions corresponding to the various function units in accordance with ~~the~~ terminal device capability ~~capacity~~ data contained in the terminal information.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended): The terminal control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein information is received from and transmitted to the terminal device through a terminal control system that operates regardless of ~~the~~ what type of ~~the~~ terminal device is present.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended): A method of controlling a terminal device

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that performs a specific process, ~~said method designed to perform~~ comprising the steps of:

communicating between the terminal device and a terminal control device;
selecting one of a plurality of available terminal device control functions
that each relate to a different kind of terminal device based on the terminal device
actually communicating in the communicating step; and
controlling the terminal device by using the available terminal device
control function selected in the selecting step that accords with the terminal device
which is actually communicating with the apparatus through the communication
means in the communicating step.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 6, wherein
~~one of terminal control functions, which is an optimal terminal control function~~ for
the terminal device [[,]] actually communicating in the communicating step is
selected in the selecting step[[,]] ~~and the terminal control function selected is~~
~~performed to control the terminal device.~~

Claim 8. (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 7, which
further comprises a step of selecting the optimal terminal control function optimal

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for the terminal device[[,]] in accordance with the capacity capabilities of the terminal device actually communicating in the communicating step and a step of performing the terminal control function thus selected.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended): A terminal device having various function units that perform specific processes under the control of a terminal control apparatus, said terminal device comprising:

communication means for performing communication between the terminal device and the terminal control apparatus; and

control means for transmitting terminal information to the terminal control apparatus and for causing controlling the function units to perform the specific processes in accordance with terminal device control functions selected and provided from the terminal control apparatus has effected in accordance with responsive to the terminal information received at the terminal control apparatus, wherein said terminal information representing the indicates what type of terminal device is communicating with the terminal control apparatus and capacity capabilities of the terminal device communicating with the terminal control apparatus.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended): The terminal device according to claim 9,

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wherein the control means comprises information-storing means for storing the terminal information, information-transmitting means for acquiring the terminal information from the information-storing means and transmitting the same acquired terminal information to the terminal control apparatus, and function-performing means for causing the function units to perform the specific processes ~~in accordance with terminal control functions the terminal control apparatus has effected in accordance with the terminal information.~~

Claim 11. (Currently Amended): A method of controlling a terminal device having various function units ~~that perform specific processes under the control of a terminal control apparatus,~~ said method comprising ~~a step~~ steps of:

acquiring terminal information from the terminal device and transmitting the same terminal information to the terminal control apparatus[[,]]; and

~~a step of causing~~ controlling the function units to perform the specific processes in accordance with terminal device control functions selected and provided from the terminal control apparatus ~~has effected in accordance with responsive to~~ the terminal information, wherein said terminal information ~~representing the~~ indicates what type of terminal device is transmitting terminal information to the terminal control apparatus and capacity capabilities of the transmitting terminal device.

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Claim 12. (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 11, which further comprises a step of ~~transmitting the terminal information from the terminal device to the terminal control apparatus, and a step of causing the function units to perform the specific processes in accordance with terminal control functions the terminal control apparatus has effected in accordance with the terminal information~~ acquiring the terminal information from an information-storing means.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended): A medium storing a program for controlling a terminal device having various function units, the program comprising:

controlling acquisition of terminal information from the terminal device and transmission of the terminal information to a terminal control apparatus; and

causing a the terminal control apparatus to control the various function units provided in a the terminal device and designed to perform specific processes in accordance with terminal device control functions selected and provided from the terminal control apparatus responsive to the terminal information received at the terminal control apparatus.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended): The medium according to claim 13, which stores a plurality of programs for controlling the terminal function units and stores a program for causing the terminal control apparatus to select a an optimal

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program ~~optimal~~ for the terminal device[[,]] in accordance with ~~the~~ terminal device
~~type of the terminal device.~~

Claim 15. (Currently Amended): The medium according to claim 13,
wherein said program causes the terminal control apparatus to select a an optimal
program ~~optimal~~ for the terminal device[[,]] in accordance with terminal
information that represents ~~the~~ terminal device type and ~~capacity~~ capabilities of the
terminal device.

Claim 16. (Original): The medium according to claim 13, which is
incorporated in the terminal control apparatus.

Claim 17. (Original): The medium according to claim 14, wherein said
plurality of programs are used in common in a plurality of terminal devices.

Claim 18. (Original): The medium according to claim 13, wherein the
program imparts an input function, a communication function and a display
function to the terminal device.

Claim 19. (Original): The medium according to claim 18, wherein the
program is a mail-receiving program.

Claim 20. (Currently Amended): A program for causing a terminal control
apparatus to control ~~the~~ various function units provided in a terminal device ~~and~~
~~designed to perform specific processes~~, said program being one selected by the

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terminal control apparatus in accordance with terminal information that represents
the terminal device type and capacity capabilities of the terminal device, said
program for imparting at least one of an input function, a communication function
and a display function to the terminal device based on the terminal information.
